State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome, formerly known as, hereditary nonpolyposis

> colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition causing a greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer;

and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of

cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age; and

WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with

their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for

hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer

should be screened for Lynch Syndrome characteristics to prompt

risk assessment and genetic testing; and

a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary WHEREAS,

> or familiar, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so growths, polyps and tumors may be detected early

and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch Syndrome diagnosis can increase

cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to

earlier cancer detection and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018 as

LYNCH SYDROME AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 8th day of March, A.D. 2018

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs